

Department of Health Services - Food, Recreational and Institutional Sanitation

R9-8-711. Sanitation: general

- A. Regulations in this Article shall apply to any public, private or parochial school.
- B. The yards shall be free of puddles and clean
- C. The school building structurally shall have a watertight roof and interior walls of even cleanable surfaces.
- D. Ventilation, whether natural or artificial shall be non-noxious and controlled to prevent objectionable air currents on students.
- E. Cafeterias or lunchrooms shall have a minimum window area equal to 12 1/2% of the floor area.

R9-8-712. Water Supply

- A. Each school building shall be provided with an ample supply of water, preferably from an approved municipal or public water supply system. If such a system is not available, water from an underground source approved by the Department may be obtained. Such separate supplies must meet the requirements of Article 2 of this Chapter and school authorities shall be responsible for the submission of samples for bacteriological analysis to the Arizona Department of Health Services Laboratory. All pumps shall be maintained in good working order and an adequate supply of water shall be maintained. There shall be adequate pressure and quantity to operate all water supply fixtures efficiently at all times.
- B. Drinking water shall be dispensed by means of:
 - 1. An angle jet sanitary fountain with nozzle opening above overflow rim, and producing a water stream free of contact with fixtures; or
 - 2. A sanitary cooler, of a type approved by the Department, and single-service paper cups retained in a sanitary container.
- C. The use of the common drinking cup and the vertical jet bubbler type fountain is prohibited.
- D. The minimum number of drinking fountains shall be provided on the following basis:
 - 1. Elementary grades -- one for each 50 students.
 - 2. Junior and Senior high schools and colleges -- one for each 100 students.
 - 3. A minimum of one fountain on each classroom floor

R9-8-713. Sanitation Facilities

- A. The minimum number of sanitary facilities shall be provided on the following basis:
Slop sink - One each story
(inc. basement)
- B. Paper towels and soap shall be furnished in all lavatories. Common towels are prohibited. General toilet rooms should be ventilated by means of a forced air exhaust system.
- C. Toilet paper shall be available at all times.
- D. Lavatories with hot and cold or tempered running water are required and shall be located in toilet rooms or immediately adjacent thereto. On new construction or replacement, sanitary toilet seats of the split or U-shaped type made of non-absorbent material shall be installed.

- E. In rural schools, where handwashing facilities are not located in the toilet rooms, one lavatory shall be provided for each school room.
- F. Toilet room floors shall be constructed of concrete or other water-impervious material pitched to a suitably located trapped floor drain. In new construction the floor drains shall be connected by means of a separate line to the building sewer. If partitions are provided between flush bowls, they shall be raised at least 12" from the floor.

R9-8-714. Showers

- A. When athletic or gymnastic activities are conducted in a school, showers shall be provided. There shall be one showerhead for each 6 users, based upon the maximum demand at any one period.
- B. Shower and locker rooms, when provided, shall be constructed with concrete or other impervious floors pitched to a suitable trapped drain and the walls and ceilings shall be of smooth, easily-washable material. These rooms shall be sufficiently well ventilated to prevent the accumulation of disagreeable odors and condensation upon interior surfaces. If lockers are provided, they shall be set on a solid base or raised 6" above the floor if open underneath. In all new construction lockers shall be set on a solid base.
- C. If the bath towels are supplied by the school, they shall be for individual use only and shall be laundered before reissue.

R9-8-715. Sewage Disposal

- A. All liquid wastes from a school building shall be discharged into a public sewerage system when possible. When a public sewerage system is not available, liquid wastes shall be disposed of into a septic tank system approved by the Department as provided in Article 3 of this Chapter.
- B. Privies shall not be approved except in extreme cases. Where used, they shall be of a standard type approved by the Department.
- C. All plumbing shall comply with local regulation and the standards adopted by reference in R9-1-412(D).

R9-8-716. Garbage and Refuse

- A. Fly-proof and water-tight metal containers shall be provided for garbage. Garbage cans shall be emptied at least three times weekly, thoroughly washed, and never allowed to become foul smelling or a breeding place for flies.
- B. Combustible rubbish shall be collected in metal-covered containers and disposed of in a safe and sanitary manner.
- C. Garbage and refuse shall be disposed of in a manner which creates neither a nuisance nor a menace to health and in conformance with the requirements of Article 4 of this Chapter.

R9-8-717. Food Handling

Article 1 of this Chapter is applicable to all schools where food is handled, stored or sold